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In re application of:

HITOSHI *et al.*

Application No.: 10/026,021

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: SAK: MODULATION OF
CELLULAR PROLIFERATION FOR
TREATMENT OF CANCER

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Art Unit: 1646

COMMUNICATION UNDER

37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

AND

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the request to comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, that accompanied the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed January 30, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the required paper copy and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing. Please amend the specification in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17, with the following:

--Figure 2 provides an alignment of the SAK kinase domain (SEQ ID NO:3) with other mitotic kinases (SEQ ID NOS:4-7).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 39, line 8, with the following:

--Common linkers such as peptides, polyethers, and the like can also serve as tags, and include polypeptide sequences, such as poly Gly sequences of between about 5 and 200 amino acids (SEQ ID NO:8). Such flexible linkers are known to persons of skill in the art. For example, poly(ethylene glycol) linkers are available from Shearwater Polymers, Inc. Huntsville, Alabama. These linkers optionally have amide linkages, sulphydryl linkages, or heterofunctional linkages.--

Please insert the accompanying paper copy of the Sequence Listing, page numbers 1 to 13, at the end of the application.

REMARKS

Applicants request entry of this amendment in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821 to 1.825. This amendment is accompanied by a floppy disk containing the above named sequences, SEQ ID NOS:1-8, in computer readable form, and a paper copy of the sequence information which has been printed from the floppy disk.

The information contained in the computer readable disk was prepared through the use of the software program "PatentIn" and is identical to that of the paper copy. This amendment contains no new matter.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Specification by the current Amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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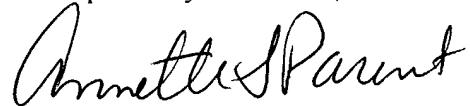
Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application,
applicants submit 20 sheets of formal drawings to be made of record in the above-identified case,

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in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84.

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